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Full Scale Debris Removal To Begin Within Days

County Supervisors today awarded two firms debris removal related contracts totaling \$20 million to clear fire debris from mountain properties destroyed by the October fires. Sukut Construction was the firm selected to remove the structural debris and destroyed vehicles. Vector Engineering was tapped to provide construction management/contract compliance services and oversight of erosion control measures for the debris removal operation. Today's action clears the way for full scale debris removal to begin within days.

The Board reiterated its intent to have 100% of the properties cleaned up on a timely basis, whether property owners use the county crafted debris removal program or some other means. Board members asked to be updated on the removal progress. Property owners are responsible for cleaning up their property and need to decide how their properties will be cleaned up. In January, County Code Enforcement will begin notifying property owners of their legal obligation to cleanup the fire debris.

So far thirty-four percent of the properties destroyed by the fires are enrolled in the program. The county has already cleared properties of hazardous materials. Clearing asbestos from the fire debris is underway and is scheduled to be completed by December 21.

As of December 11th, 164 properties were enrolled in the county debris removal program. The county has contacted owners of 423 properties affected by the fires, leaving the owners of less than 100 properties left to reach. Property owners that have not been contacted by the San Bernardino County Solid Waste Management Division regarding the debris removal program are strongly encouraged to call the Debris Removal Center immediately.

The county debris removal program offers a complete range of debris removal and erosion control services at no direct cost to the property owner. Areas with the greatest concentration of participating properties will be scheduled first. Property owners are encouraged to contact the Debris Removal Center at 909-867-7579 to learn more about their debris removal options and/or sign up for the program. The Center is located in Running Springs, 2677 Whispering Pines Drive; and is open Monday - Friday, 10 AM to 4 PM and on Saturdays, 10 AM to 3 PM. Sign up materials are also available on line at: www.sbcounty.gov/wsd

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